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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, MARCH 3, 2000

APPLICATION OF

GCR TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

CASE NO. PUC990210

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity
to provide local exchange
telecommunications services

FINAL ORDER

On December 13, 1999, GCR Telecommunications, Inc. ("GCR" or "the Company"), completed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") requesting authority to provide local exchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. By Order dated January 10, 2000, the Commission directed the Company to provide notice to the public of its application, directed the Commission Staff to conduct an investigation and file a report, and scheduled a public hearing to receive evidence relevant to such application.

On February 8, 2000, Staff filed its report finding that GCR's application was in compliance with the Rules Governing the Offering of Competitive Local Exchange Telephone Service, 20 VAC 5-400-180 ("Local Rules"). Based upon its review of GCR's application, the Staff determined it would be appropriate to grant

a local exchange certificate to GCR subject to two conditions:

(i) any customer deposits collected by the Company be retained in an unaffiliated third-party escrow account until such time as the Staff or Commission determines it is no longer necessary; and (ii) the Company shall provide audited financial statements to the Division of Economics and Finance no later than one (1) year from the effective date of the Company's initial tariff.

A hearing was conducted on February 23, 2000. GCR filed proof of publication and proof of service as required by the January 10, 2000, Order. At the hearing, the Company's application and Staff's report were entered into the record without objection.

Having considered the application and the Staff's report, the Commission finds that such application should be granted. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) GCR Telecommunications, Inc., is hereby granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity, No. T-483, to provide local exchange telecommunications services subject to the restrictions set forth in the Local Rules, § 56-265.4:4 of the Code of Virginia, and the provisions of this Order.

(2) GCR Telecommunications, Inc., shall provide tariffs to the Division of Communications which conform with all applicable Commission rules and regulations.

(3) Should GCR Telecommunications, Inc., collect customer deposits, it shall establish and maintain an escrow account held by an unaffiliated third party for such funds and shall notify the Commission Staff of the escrow arrangement. Any escrow arrangement established pursuant to this Order shall be maintained until such time as the Staff or the Commission determines it is no longer necessary.

(4) GCR Telecommunications, Inc., shall provide audited financial statements to the Division of Economics and Finance no later than one year from the effective date of its initial tariff.

(5) There being nothing further to come before the Commission, this case shall be dismissed and the papers placed in the file for ended causes.